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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lucero (5,457,306).

Referring to claim 1, Lucero teaches a gaming device operable to request and receive funds electronically, said gaming device comprising: a processor operable to receive a wager from a player to initiate a wagering game (4:58-67); a controller operable to process an electronic fund request by the player, the controller operating without direct communication with the processor (4:42-54); a card reader operable with the controller (26); a payment device operable with the processor, the payment device providing a monetary amount to a player upon inserting a card into the card reader and receiving an approval for the electronic fund transfer request from a remote fund repository that communicates with the controller via a banking network (4:42-5:32); and a housing that supports the controller, the processor, the card reader and the payment device (Fig.1).

Referring to claim 2, Lucero teaches the card is a credit card (5:35-45).

Referring to claim 3, Lucero teaches the amount is gaming device credits, gaming device tokens, or coins (4:14-21; 4:42-58).

Referring to claim 4, Lucero teaches the payment device is a hopper or a credit meter (4:1-41).

Referring to claim 5, Lucero teaches a display operable with the controller to display electronic fund transfer information to the user (3:40-45).

Referring to claim 6, Lucero teaches the display is a first display (18) and which includes a second display (14) that displays a game of the gaming device (Fig.1).

Referring to claim 7, Lucero teaches an input device operable with the controller to enable the user to input electronic fund transfer information (4:24-31, Fig.1).

Referring to claims 17, Lucero teaches a system for transferring funds electronically to a gaming device for use by a player, said system comprising: a gaming device having a control unit (26)(Fig.1); a first network operable to access a remote fund repository that receives an electronic fund transfer request from the control unit and provides a response to the request (4:14-34); and a second network that communicates with a processor of the gaming device to credit the player a monetary amount if the response from the remote fund repository is an approval (4:55-67).

Referring to claims 14, 24, and 25, Lucero teaches a gaming device operable to transfer funds electronically for use by a player said gaming device comprising: a first processor (from card reader device (16)) that is operable to receive an electronic fund transfer request from the player, the request including an account number and a requested amount of money, and send the request to a remote fund repository that

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generates a response to the request (4:42-5:32). Regarding the limitations of a ticket printer (claims 14, 24, and 25); and a second processor that causes the ticket printer to print a ticket with the requested amount if the response is an approval, these limitations are inherent from Lucero's teaching of the gaming machine issuing credit slip (4:34-41).

Referring to claims 26, Lucero teaches a method of providing a monetary amount for use at a gaming device in a gaming establishment, said method comprising: transmitting from a first processor of the gaming device a fund request amount to a remote fund repository (4:42-53); receiving, at a second processor of the gaming device, a response from the remote fund repository (4:55-62); providing the amount for use at the gaming device if the response is an approval (4:58-62); and informing the gaming establishment of the amount provided (4:34-41).

Regarding the network configuration of claims 8, 9, 13, 18, 22, 28, and 29, wherein the banking network is a wide area network (claim 8); wherein the banking network includes an internet (claim 9); an integrated circuit board that interfaces between the processor and the local casino network (claim 13); wherein the first network includes an internet (claim 18); wherein the second network is a local area network (claim 22); wherein transmitting from the first processor includes transmitting over a wide area network (claim 28); and wherein receiving at the second processor includes receiving from a local area network (claim 29); these limitations are inherent from Lucero's network configuration which features the linking of gaming machines within a casino, and interlinking casinos to the remote financial institutions (Fig. 6)(7:41-8:1).

Referring to claim 10, Lucero teaches a local casino network that interfaces between the banking network and the processor (4:34-41; 5:54-67).

Referring to claim 11, Lucero teaches the local casino network supports at least one casino-player fund transfers (5:20-32; 7:17-40).

Referring to claim 12, Lucero teaches the local casino network communicates with a ticket validation system that logs the monetary amount provided to the player (4:34-41; 6:57-7:40).

Referring to claim 15, Lucero teaches the fund transfer request includes a personal identification number (2:26-43).

Referring to claims 16 and 23, Lucero teaches the first processor (from card reader device (16)) operates independent of the second processor (game processor 36)(Fig.2).

Referring to claim 19, Lucero teaches a plurality of remote fund repositories linked via the first network (7:41-8:1).

Referring to claim 20, Lucero teaches a plurality of gaming devices linked by the second network (Fig.6).

Referring to claim 21, Lucero teaches at least two of the gaming devices play different types of games (2:12-25; 3:35-38).

Referring to claim 27, Lucero teaches providing the amount includes crediting a credit meter of the gaming device (4:14-21; 4:42-58).

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh-An D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4440. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on 571-272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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